

The report of the committee on County Boundaries reporting a substitute for the bill defining the boundaries of the county of Santa Fé, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Gage, laid upon the table until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Kinney, the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., November 30th, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McRae, Mr. Taylor was excused from attendance, on account of sickness.

Mr. Moffett, from the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred a bill to amend the ninth section of an act authorizing and requiring the county courts to regulate roads and appoint overseers, &c., reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the civil organization of the counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fe, reported the same back to the Senate, with amendments, and recommended their adoption and the passage of the bill.

1st amendment: 1st section—strike out all after the word "Santa Fe" in the 6th line.

2d amendment: strike out the 2d section and insert as follows: "That said Commissioner shall have power, and it is hereby made his duty to lay off such portions of said counties into convenient justices' and election precincts, and to have the same recorded in the office of the county clerk, when elected; to order an election of all county and precinct officers; to appoint and administer the appropriate oaths to the presiding officers, requiring them to conduct said election, according to an act regulating elections, to receive the returns of said election and declare the result and make returns thereof to the Secretary of State."

3d amendment: section 3d—in the 4th line after the word "immediately", insert as follows—"issue certificates of election to the several officers elect and"; in the 6th line, after the word "many" insert "by giving the bonds required by law".

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate instructing them to report a bill, providing for the adoption of children, reported a bill to provide the mode of adoption; read first time.

Mr. Phillips, also, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Nov. 27, 1849.

To the Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill concerning passengers coming to the State of Texas, report that they are deeply impressed with a sense of the absolute necessity of passing the present bill or some other containing similar provisions. For many years past an immense number of foreign emigrants have arrived at the different ports of the United States. At no former period, perhaps, for a given time, has the number been greater than during the years 1848-'9. The excited state of the old world, the constant apprehension of revolutions, the failure of crops in some places, together with the increasing popularity of the principles of our government, the acknowledged advantages of our soil and climate, insuring an abundance and variety of products, influence thousands to seek a home in some portion of our country. Of these, Texas continues to receive her full proportion. Indeed from the liberality of her past policy, no less than from her superior inducements, it is believed, she is receiving more than her quota, compared with that native population of the different States. But while the rich and the poor, and the oppressed of all nations are invited to share our prosperity, it is but reasonable and proper that we should protect ourselves by law from imposition, and not encourage immigration, at the expense of our own citizens. Texas is the only State in the Union, on the sea-board, that has not enacted some law similar in its provisions to the bill now reported.

Its object is two-fold—first to prevent imposition—second to provide a fund from the contributions of the parties themselves for the aid of those of their own number, who may require relief.

It will prevent foreign parishes and governments from throwing the inmates of their poor-houses on our charity, and protect our sea-port towns from the necessity of diverting their funds raised for purposes of general police regulations into other channels, and limit the number of private appeals for charity, on behalf of foreigners, to citizens residing on the coast. These, in some places, have become so frequent as to be burdensome in the extreme as well as annoying and prejudicial to the claims of

those who have a paramount right to favorable consideration.—
Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill,
without amendment.

A. H. PHILLIPS, *Chairman.*

Mr. Phillips, also, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, Nov. 27, 1849.

HON. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate :

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate relating to the 16th section of the 7th article of the constitution, together with a plan of a digest of the laws of Texas submitted by O. C. Hartley, Esq., marked "A", report a bill herewith for the consideration of the Senate.

The plan of the proposed digest is unanimously approved by the committee. If completed and published, it will present the laws properly arranged under appropriate heads, and require no professional skill to distinguish those that are repealed from such as are in force. Indeed, your committee consider this digest or one of a similar nature indispensably necessary before any well advised revision of the laws can be made.

The bill reported seems the most judicious as well as economical mode of carrying out the requirement of the constitution on the subject. The price will be \$4 50 per copy for one thousand copies, and \$4 for each copy over that number. By taking 1500 copies we shall be able to deposite one volume in each district and county clerks' office in the State, furnish one to each Justice of the Peace, and have a sufficient number left to make the necessary exchanges and to supply the tables of members of the Legislature.

A bill authorizing the Governor to subscribe for 1500 copies of a digest of the laws of Texas proposed to be published by O. C. Hartley, Esq. ; read first time.

Mr. Latimer, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to repeal an act for the relief of John S. Black and sundry other citizens of Harris county ; which was read first time.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a joint resolution, relative to the removal of certain tribes of Indians beyond the limits of the State of Texas, correctly enrolled, and that the same was presented to the Governor for his approval, on the 25th inst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill making additional appropriations of land for purposes

of education ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Ward, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to incorporate the Marshall Cemetery Company ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Latimer, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on County Boundaries offering a substitute for a bill defining the boundaries of the county of Santa Fe ; read and adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Apportionment, on part of the Senate, reported a bill to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of this State ; read first time.

A bill to amend the ninth section of an act authorizing and requiring the county courts to regulate roads and appoint overseers, &c. ; read.

Mr. Grimes offered the following amendment to the 6th section : strike out all after "year" in the 6th line" ; adopted.

On motion of Mr. Latimer, the bill was referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

A bill to provide for the civil organization of the counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fe, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary offering amendments thereto, was read, and amendments adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the 4th section by filling the blank with 500, and striking out all after "dollars" to "the word is" ; adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill was referred to the committee on Military Affairs by the following vote :

Yeas : Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Davis, Kinney, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Robertson, Truit and Ward—11.

Nays : Messrs. Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, Pease, Phillips, Van Derlip and Wallace—8.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills :

A bill to amend the 3d section of an act to regulate the public printing ;

A bill to provide for the permanent location of the seat of justice for Cass county ;

A bill to authorize the clerks of the county courts in the State of Texas to take the separate acknowledgment of married women to deeds executed by them ; which were severally read first time.

A bill, concerning passengers coming to the State of Texas,

together with the report of the Judiciary committee thereon, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Brashear, bill was laid on the table and made the special order for Tuesday, the 4th December.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 1, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Davis, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of the citizens of Jasper county; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. McRae presented the petition of sundry citizens of Jasper county; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. McRae, referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. McRae, also, presented the petition of George Dougherty and other citizens of Newtown county; which was, on motion of Mr. McRae, referred to the committee on the Judiciary, without reading.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported an act to establish the per diem and mileage pay of the electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and a joint resolution for the relief of Thomas Ward correctly enrolled, and that the same were presented to the Governor for his approval, on the 30th November.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of William Shipp and Sarah Corzine; which was, on motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on Public Lands, without reading.

Mr. Portis, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the civil organization of the counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fe, reported the same back to the Senate, with a substitute for the 4th section as an amendment in the following words:

Be it further enacted, That said Commissioner shall receive, for the performance of the duties required by this act, the sum of three hundred dollars, and the further sum of three dollars for